

fund. I submit the following statement:

According to the books in the office of the State Auditor, the total amount of money on hand March 1, 1916, to the credit of the "Public School Fund" was \$1,037,938.64. On March 1, 1917, there was \$1,717,467.

41. (Of this latter sum \$724,920.71 was carried on the State Treasurer's books to the credit of the Public School Fund. The balance is in the general revenue fund but will be transferred to the school fund as soon as Gov. Gardner signs the appropriaas Gov. Gardner signs the appropria-tion bills. The transfer was made earlier last year because it was au-thorized by the appropriation of 1915.) Therefore, there is now \$679,528.77 more to the credit of the school fund than there was a year ago.

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The following items (all of them

present excess of \$679,528.77, leaves \$403,928.77 more to the public schools in 1917 than they received in 1916, provided the receipts for the next four months equal the receipts for the same four months in 1916.

But these figures do not take into formal applications which, it may be considerable.

FARM LOAN BANKS AT WORK

The Federal Land Bank in this district will open for business with formal applications for more than \$2, the same four months in 1916.

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hereafter from that source. In addi-tion to the other revenue measures farm loans in every part of the counof the Gardner program will yield in-creased allotments to the public rates in all those extensive parts of schools. In fact, as one-third was giv-en to the schools, it was necessary to of the Treasury has shown—the schools. In fact, as one-third was given to the schools, it was necessary to raise \$3 to get \$2 for other State purposes. Including the new revenue, the lowest estimate is that the public schools will receive \$1,000,000 more from the State during the biennial period, than they have ever received during any previous bieninal period, even after the special aids above noted, are paid out of it.

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That school authorities in Missouri may know the effect of the action of the present Legislature in taking the special aid moneys granted to certain schools out of the school fund instead of out of the general revenue fund. I submit the following statement:

as they will be will still go to them. Out of the two-thirds the State must run the State Government, take care of its insane, its feeble-minded and its other charges, must provide for the penal institutions, must support its higher educational institutions, must aid in road building and in the development of agriculture, and must meet many other demands upon it. The

local newspapers to make such use of it as would correct any false impres-sions regarding the school funds. Very truly yours, UEL W. LAMKIN,

State Supt. Public Schools Jefferson City, Mo., March 20, 1917.

RANK FOOLISHNESS

The following items (all of them public school expenditures) formerly charged against the general revenue fund, are now to be charged against the public school fund: For rural high schools, \$225,000; for teachertraining high schools, \$175,000; for aid to counties on salaries of county superintendents, \$91,200; for teachertraining schools in the cities, \$60, certaining schools in the cities, \$60, conductory of the biennial period, or not to exceed \$275,600 for this year.

Taking this new \$275,600 from the present excess of \$679,528.77, leaves \$403,928.77 more to the public schools

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You occasionally see it stated that colds do not result from cold weather. That is rank foolishness. Were it true colds would be as prevalent in mid-summer as in mid-winter. The microbe that causes colds flourishes in damp, cold weather. To get rid of aid to counties on salaries of county superintendents, \$91,200; for teacher-training schools in the cities, \$60, reacher-training schools on the result from cold weather. That is rank foolishness. Were it true colds would be as prevalent in mid-summer as in mid-winter. The microbe that causes colds flourishes in damp, cold weather. To get rid of aid to counties on salaries of county superintendents, \$91,200; for teacher-training schools in the cities, \$60, reacher-training schools in the cities, \$60, reacher

But these figures do not take into consideration any increase in the school fund because of the increased State revenues. For example, the collateral inheritance tax which formerly went to the University, will now go into the general revenue fund, and the public schools will receive at least \$150,000 this year and annually hereafter from that source. In addition to the other revenue measures farm loans in every part of the coun-

ed, are paid out of it.

There is no disposition anywhere to reduce the amount of money going and give Chamberlain's Cough Remefrom the State to the public schools. One third of the revenues, increased Obtainable everywhere.

The standard

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI NEWS

The \$200,000 bonds voted for road The \$200,000 bonds voted for road improvement by Wayne county have been taken by a St. Louis investment company, the county realizing \$197,750 on the sale. The bonds taken by this company will be paid off with the proceeds of a refunding bond to be taken by another company in order to obviate some doubtful clause of the law.

Stephen Hug, an old veteran soldier, died at his home at Hug's Landing, in Jefferson county, March 18th, aged 88 years. He was born in Alsace, France. At the age of 21 years he was drafted in the French army and sent to Africa where he served two years and in the campaign of the French and English against Russia, and was in the battles of Alma, Balaklava, Techarnia and Sema, Balaklava, Techarnia and Se-bastopol. For his services in the bastopol. For his services in the campaign he was awarded a medal by Queen Victoria with the names of these battles inscribed thereon. In 1860 he immigrated to America, and served three years in the First Missouri Volunteer Infantry, U. S. A. He leaves a wife, one daughter and several step-children.

The Wayne Land and Mining Co. has just been organized in Wayne county. The company owns 5,000 acres of timber land and iron mines two and a half miles from Piedmont. The work of developing the mines will begin as soon as arrangements can be perfected.

Mine La Motte in Madison county has been in operation continuously for 150 years, and periodically for 68 years before that. It has yielded lead, nickel, cobalt and copper in the main, though there are many other by-products. Close to one thousand men are employed.

The Farm Agent of Scott county has examined the wheat fields of that county and estimates an average crop of about one-third. He thinks the damage done by winds and freezing much less than is reported.

A large number of the merchants and other business men of Sikeston and other business men of Sikeston have provided special entertainment for their customers and citizens generally in the way of a show of trained horses and other attractions. This show will be in Sikeston on Thursday, April 5th. The admission is free to all, and those who are providing the entertainment desire to see all attend.—Sikeston Herald.

Ste. Genevieve is getting up a lo cal commercial club. At a meeting held there on the 20th, about 60 cit-izens signed up for the club.

George Beckerman of Ste. Gene-vieve, died March 15, aged 71 years, 5 months and 21 days.

Mrs. George Baster, Sr., died near Ste. Genevieve March 20th, in the 65th year of her age.

A Herculaneum Betterment Club as been organized at that place.

"Brother Daniel" (Daniel Carboy), one of Perry county's oldest and most beloved men, died March 16. He located in Perry county 60 years ago, when a young man, and the supervisors of the religious congregation he had joined saw work for him at the "Old Mill" on the Saline, where his genial, simple and pure Christian life endeared him to all.

We have it from reliable sources that the United States Government, will build a military road from Jefferson Barracks, near St. Louis, Mo., to the Arcadia Valley. We are informed that it will cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000 to complete this road and not in proper condition and

old boy of Perry county, was kicked in the abdomen by a horse on the 17th inst., and died from the effects of his injuries the following day.

Evangelist Pat Davis of Franklin, Ky., and Prof. W. E. Charles, singer, are holding a revival meeting at the M. E. Church in DeSoto.

Bismarck, Mo., March 25.-Mrs. Sarah Daniels, 72 years old, arrived here today from Piedmont, Mo., this being the first time she ever rode on a railway train. An invalid sister here caused her to make this trip.

Harry C. Crumb, representing the Cape Girardeau Normal School, was Cape Girardeau Normal School, was declared winner in an international oratorical contest hold in Springfield, Mo., last night. His subject was "Industrial Democracy." Crumb will represent the State of Missouri in an interstate oratorical contest to be held in Emporia, Kas., May 4.

MISSOURI FARMERS' FAIR MAY 4

The twelfth annual Farmers' Fair, one of the best known student stunts of the schools of the Missouri Valley, will be given by the students of the College of Agriculture of the University of Missouri, May 4th. The 14th annual High School Day of the University for preparatory school track athletes will be held the following day, May 5th.

The Farmers' Fair has both a state-wide and national reputation as a student stunt and has been copied by many schools. It is begun with a The twelfth annual Farmers' Fair,

by many schools. It is begun with a pretentions parade in the morning and in the afternoon and evening shows and stunts are given on a "Midway" built on the University farm

If the European war ends in the abolition of kings, it will have been worth something.

George, Washington, they say, was 6 feet 2 inches tall, but that isn't why we all look up to him.

The big iron cross received from Kaiser Wilhelm seems to have showed Von Mackenson up considerably.

Everything, every week—\$1 St. Louis in or west or south.

Yes, the Melotone Player Piano Has Metal Tubing!

You may ask that-many do-the question of metal tubing vs. rubber tubing is much mooted and honestly it is doubtful whether the advantage is all on the side of metal-we have many good players using rubber-and they are good ones, too.

(though there is very little pressure in the small tubing), but nowadays the difference in rubber and notal tubing is slight, so we use a fine grade of soft-drawn metal tubing in the Melotone.

There is one thing about the Melotone that is very significant-do not overlook it; every part and parce! of this player is subject to our specification and order-when a dealer buys a "come-as-is" player he buys as it is made-but when we have Melotones made for us on annual contracts covering thirty or more carloads you can imagine we have pretty much all the sayso about what goes inside and out.

Which brings up a nice point.

Did you ever see a show of player pianos of various makes at prices ranging from \$300 to \$1500 and see how much alike (outside) they could all be made to appear?

Like automobile bodies and picture frames, players look pretty much alike on the outside-good, bad and indifferent-50 feet away even a good piano man would find it hard to tell a \$1500 player from a \$300 boxwhat then is the difference? Like the motor and power plant in an auto-like the skill on the canvas—so is the genins of the maker in the player.

It is a far ery from raw materials such as anybody with money may

Rubber may wear out in time buy and machinery which anyone may own and processes which may be learned by all to the faithful combining of these three into a work of merit such as the Melotone Player Piano of the house of Field-Lippman.

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> Your safety is first assured in the Melotone by our "Ten-Year Guarantee" -- a positive protection against defective materials or workmanship. With ordinary care a Melotone Player should give a life-time of service, and we know many that have been put to hard use ever since we sold the first shipments six years ago, and these are giving splendid service today. When selling Melotones we cheerfully refer to the owners and users of Melotone Players for "proof of the pudding."

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ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to the voters of "School District of Farmington," also known as District No. 24, Townships 35 and 36, Ranges 5 and 6, of the County of St. Francois, State of Missouri, who are tax-payers of such school district that the annual school election of said district will be on

Tuesday, April 3, 1917, at the following polling places in the City of Farmington, Mo., to-wit: First Ward—City Hall, East side of

Public Square Ward-Circuit Court Room,

Court House. Third Ward-Waters Press Print ing Office, in Farmers Bank Bldg. Fourth Ward—Henry Manley's Shop on Henry Street, one-half block South

of Columbia street.
Polls will be opened for such elec

Polls will be opened for such election at 6 o'clock a. m., and closed at 7 o'clock p. m. of that day.

Two directors to be elected for a term of three years. Also there will be submitted for the purpose of voting thereon, a proposition proposed by the Board of Directors of said district, to-wit: To authorize the Board of Directors to levy a tax rate of 100 cents on the One Hundred Dollars assessed valuation for school purpos-

By order of the Board of Directors of School District of Farmington.
FRED M. KARSCH, Pres.
J. P. CAYCE, Secretary.
March 16, 1917.

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old lady you may know that she has good digestion. If your digestion is impaired or if you do not relish your meals take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach, improve the digestion and cause a gentle movement of the bowels. Obtainable everywhere.

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF FARMINGTON

Notice is hereby given that a gen-eral election to be voted at by the qualified voters of the City of Farm-ington will be held in said City of Farmington, Missouri, on

TUESDAY, APRIL 3rd, 1917, with polling places in each ward, as

First Ward. City Hall, cast side of Public Square. Second Ward. Circuit Court room, Court House.

Court House.

Third Ward. Waters' Press Printing office in Farmers Bank Building.
Fourth Ward. Henry Manley's Shoe Shop on Henry street, one-half block south of Columbia street.

The purpose of said election shall be to elect a Mayor, a Marshal, and a Police Judge for the City of Farmington, and to elect one Alderman for each of the four wards of this city.

each of the four wards of this city which said officers shall be elected which said officers shall be elected to their respective offices for a period of two years, and in addition thereto, one Alderman shall be elected for the Fourth Ward to serve during the unexpired term of John Coffman.

The polls will be open from six o'clock a. m. til seven o'clock b. m. of shove named day.

above named day. E. J. McKinney, Mayor of Farmington. Attest: SAM F. ISENMAN, City Clerk.

IMPORTANT TO TRAVELERS

It does not apear/to be generally known in this city that the Sunshine Special, the fast train on the Iron Mountain, receives passengers at Bismarck for all points south where that train stops. It has been doing this for the past year. This train reaches Bismarck about 8:40 p. m. This obviates the necessity of going to St. Louis in order to make long trips

MAKE POTATOES

A chef in Oregon announces he has invented synthetic potatoes. He de-clares they are more nourishing than the real article and 50 per cent cheaper. Here is the recipe:

Two and a half quarts of water, one pound soft summer wheat flour, one pound potatoes, half pound split peas, two ounces of lard. After prop-er preparations, mold the material into real Murphy shapes, and it can-not be detected even though boiled, mashed or baked.-Chester

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